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REF: A. ANKARA 274, B. ANKARA 338, C. ANKARA 541 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN PRESS INTERVIEW FONMIN ESENBEL OUTLINED  
TURKISH POLICY RE BIZONAL FEDERATION IN CYPRUS, FAMAGUSTA PORT  
(AND ASSOCIATED ISSUE OF RESETTLEMENT OF GREEK-CYPRIOTS IN THE  
TOWN), NICOSIA AIRPORT AND TURKISH INTERESTS IN AGEAN. END  
SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN ESENBEL HAS CONTINUED HIS "PUBLIC DIPLOMACY" ON  
CYPRUS AND AEGEAN PROBLEMS WITH HIS FOURTH EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW  
IN LAST 10 DAYS (REFTELS), THIS ONE PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 21  
MILLIYET. (SINCE REPORTER WAS SAMI KOHEN, WHO IS ALSO STRINGER FOR  
MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, LATTER PAPER PROBABLY CARRIES MUCH THE  
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SAME STORY.) ALTHOUGH MUCH OF INTERVIEW WAS REPETITIVE, THE

FOLLOWING POINTS ARE NOTEWORTHY.

2. CYPRUS

A. ON BIZONAL FEDERATION: "WHEN WE SAY FEDERAL SYSTEM, WE MEAN A "BIZONAL" FEDERAL SYSTEM... THE TURKS IN THE SOUTH ARE CONSTANTLY FLEEING NORTH...THEY LEAVE THEIR HOMES, FIELDS AND COME TO TAKE UP A LIFE IN SECURITY. THIS MOVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY SHOWS THAT THE ONLY WAY OUT IS A SINGLE REGION (FOR THE TURKS)."

B. FAMAGUSTA PORT: CONCERNING JOINT MANAGEMENT OF FAMAGUSTA PORT, ESENBEL SAID: "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE...FAMAGUSTA IS A PORT WHICH WILL STAY IN THE TURKISH SECTOR OF THE FEDERAL STATE TO BE FOUNDED. CERTAINLY THE GREEK SECTOR WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS PORT,---BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO JOIN THE MANAGEMENT... THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WILL BE HOW GREEK GOODS WILL BE UNLOADED AND LOADED...BUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS AN AGREEMENT, THE PORT WILL BE OPENED TO WORLD NAVIGATION..."

C. ON A "GESTURE" TO RESETTLE GREEK-CYPRIOIS IN FAMAGUSTA: "I DON'T THINK SO. IT IS NOT A QUESTION TO BE DISCUSSED TODAY...IT IS A POLITICAL QUESTION...WHEN THE FORM OF THE STATE EMERGES, WHETHER OR NOT A POPULATION SHIFT IS POSSIBLE, HOW MANY AND WHERE ARE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE LAST STAGE. THERE IS NO CRYSTALLIZATION OF OPINION ON THIS TOPIC SO FAR."

D. ON STATUS OF NICOSIA AIRPORT: "THIS SUBJECT IS NOT AS EASY AS FAMAGUSTA, IT STILL REQUIRES NEGOTIATION. WE ARE SENDING EXPERTS. AS THERE IS A SINGLE AIRPORT BOTH SIDES SHOULD BENEFIT FROM IT. THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY IN MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE ACCEPTED."

E. BORDERS AND FORCE REDUCTION: ESENBEL STATED THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TURK CYPRIOT SECTOR WERE NEGOTIABLE, BUT WERE A SUBJECT FOR LATER NEGOTIATION AFTER AGREEMENT ON A BIZONAL FEDERATION. REDUCTION OF TURKISH FORCES ON THE ISLAND WAS ALSO POSSIBLE AFTER THE FORMATION OF A STATE WHICH PROVIDED SECURITY TO THE TWO SIDES.

3. AGEAN ISSUES. ESENBEL REITERATED EARLIER STATEMENTS (REF C) THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TURKEY MUST FOLLOW A "DYNAMIC" POLICY IN THE AEGEAN. "IF THERE ARE ANY WHO THINK THAT THEY CAN PUT THE AGEAN TO SLEEP WHILE THERE IS A PROBLEM IN CYPRUS, THEY WILL BE MAKING A GREAT MISTAKE." HE CONCLUDED BY REPEATING EARLIER THEME (REF C) THAT THERE COULD BE NOT "PACKAGE DEAL" TO GET SOMETHING IN CYPRUS AND GIVE SOMETHING IN THE AEGEAN.  
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